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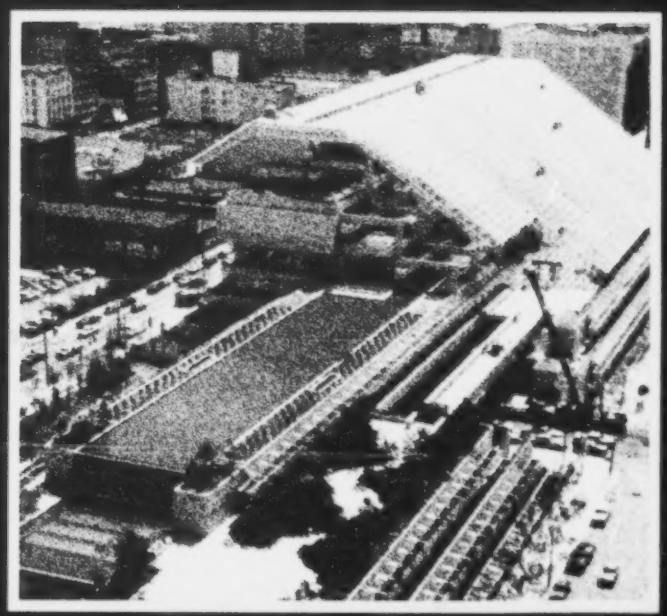

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REGIONAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The following listings of possible industrial and commercial investment opportunities in various regions of British Columbia were submitted by officials of Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade and Regional Economic Development Commissioners located throughout the Province. The information was compiled by the Ministry of Industry and Small Business Development and it is intended to indicate potential investment opportunities in British Columbia.

The purpose of the report is to encourage entrepreneurs to seriously consider establishing or expanding local businesses. Rapid economic growth in the Province in terms of resource development, transportation facilities and energy supplies, have created numerous opportunities that warrant further investigation. The recently signed federal-provincial Tourist Industry Development Subsidiary Agreement (TIDSA), designed to reduce the seasonal nature of British Columbia's tourist industry and to provide incentive to increasing recreational facilities, has done much to enhance the opportunities in this industry.

This report should serve as a starting point for the entrepreneur. Anyone wishing additional information regarding a potential investment opportunity should contact this Ministry or the Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade or the Economic Development Commissioners for the areas concerned.

Eighteen Regional and six Municipal Economic Development Commissioners are located throughout British Columbia. The Commissioner's function is to coordinate and promote economic development activities in their respective areas. Listed below are the names, location and telephone numbers of the Commissioners.

In addition to the services offered by the Commissioners, Business Information Centres have been established in communities throughout British Columbia. These Business Information Centres will provide practical business information to small and medium sized enterprises, and ensure access to the business assistance programs and services offered by community, provincial and federal agencies. Business Information Centres are located in most Chamber of Commerce offices.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONERS

Location	Name	Telephone
Burns Lake	Oddvin Vedo	692-3195
Courtenay	Arthur Burgess	334-4452
Cranbrook	Wilf Nordick	489-3441
Dawson Creek	Bill Anderson	782-5110
Duncan	W. Austin Fraser	746-6158
Kamloops	Rino Elverhoy	372-9336
Kelowna	Dwight Browns	763-4918
Mission	Barry Moss	826-1291
Nanaimo	John Barnard	758-8441
Penticton	Peter Rawkins	492-0237
Port Alberni	Ken Hutcheson	723-2188
Powell River	John Bjore	485-5542
Prince Rupert	Reed Clarke	624-3106
Salmon Arm	Bill Moore	832-8091
Sooke	Ray Nestman	642-5612
Terrace	John Pousette	635-7251
Trail	Stephen Lauer	368-9148
Vernon	Lew Rossner	545-0771

MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONERS

Location	Name	Telephone
Kamloops	Sidney Spargo	374-3311
Kimberley	Murray McPhail	427-2244
Nanaimo	Chuck Gauld	754-4251
Prince George	Peter Ostergaard	564-5151
Surrey	E.R. (Ted) Lyne	591-4128
Vancouver	Sidney E.C. Fancy	873-7212

BRITISH COLUMBIA ECONOMIC REGIONS

Key:

1. East Kootenay
2. Central Kootenay
3. Okanagan-Boundary
4. Lillooet-Thompson
5. Lower Mainland
6. Vancouver Island-Coast
7. Cariboo-Fort George
8. Peace River-Liard
9. Skeena-Stikine

REGIONAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITES BY REGION AND AREA

Type of Business Opportunity	Region Where Opportunity Exists								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Agriculture[1]	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Apartments	X	X			X	X		X	
Appliance Repair and Service Centre	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Automatic Car Wash		X	X						
Auto and Truck Sales			X						
Bakery	X					X		X	
Banks and Trust Companies	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
Barber/Hairdresser	X		X			X		X	
Berry Production			X						
Boat Building/Repair						X			X
Book Store and Records			X						
Bowling Alley		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Building Contractors		X	X			X	X	X	
Building Materials Supply Centre							X		
Campground	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Car Dealer			X						
Carpet Laying Service	X		X			X		X	
Carpenter	X							X	
Catering Services to Field Projects								X	
Chartered Accountant	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Concrete By-Products Plant								X	
Convention/Banquet Facilities			X	X	X	X			
Dental Mechanic		X							

1. Dairy and beef cattle breeding, poultry, eggs and small fruits and vegetables.

Type of Business Opportunity	Region Where Opportunity Exists								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Dentist	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Distribution Agencies			X					X	
Drug Store			X			X	X		X
Dry Cleaners		X	X			X	X		X
Electrical Contractors		X				X	X		
Electrician (Service)			X		X	X			
Electronics						X			
Fabric Shop	X		X			X	X	X	
Farmers' Market	X		X		X				
Fast - Food Outlet						X	X	X	
Feed Lot	X		X	X				X	
Fish Processing Plant						X			X
Fruit Packing			X						
Furnace Service Technician						X			
Furniture Manufacturer			X		X	X	X	X	
Golf Course			X				X		
Insulation Manuf. Cellulose Waste								X	
Jewellery Store	X	X	X				X		
Landscape Contractor						X			
Lawyer[3].	X		X		X	X	X		
Manufacture Using Local Wood Products			X			X			X
Marina/Boating Facilities	X	X	X		X	X			X

3. Full or part-time

Type of Business Opportunity	Region Where Opportunity Exists								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mini Bus Line		X							
Mobile Home Parks					X			X	
Mortician	X								
Motel/Hotels	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Movie Theatre		X	X		X	X	X		
Neighbourhood Pub					X	X	X		
Opthamologist			X						
Particle Board Production			X						
Plant and Tree Nursery			X						
Plastic Manufacture					X				
Plumbers		X	X			X			
Plywood Plant							X	X	
Pool Hall		X					X		
Prefabricated House Components and Mobile Homes			X			X	X	X	X
Quality Men's and Ladies' Wear			X						
Racquetball Club		X							
Recreational Vehicle Parts			X			X			
Residential Housing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Restaurants[4].		X	X		X	X		X	
Retail Complex	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
River Tow Boats				X					
Sawmill						X			X

4. Speciality Dining

Type of Business Opportunity	Region Where Opportunity Exists								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Service to Industries Related to Coal Mining								X	
Shake and Shingle Mill			X			X			X
Shoe Repair	X	X	X		X	X			
Shoe Store			X						
Skiing Facilities		X	X			X	X		X
Slaughter House			X	X	X		X	X	
Social Workers		X							
Specialty Store			X						
Sporting Goods, Sales and Rental Outlet					X			X	
Tailor	X		X			X			
Theatre	X	X			X	X			
Tourist Entertainment	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Truck Servicing						X	X	X	X
Variety and White Goods						X			
Veterinarian		X	X			X			
Water Transport Service						X			
Warehousing			X			X		X	X
Western Saddlery and Tack Store			X						
Wheel Alignment			X						
Wood Trusses		X			X				
Woodcraft Industry			X				X		

EAST KOOTENAY REGION (REGION ONE)

Elkford

- agriculture
- apartments
- appliance repair and service centre
- bakery
- banks and trust companies
- barber and hairdresser
- campground
- carpet laying service
- carpenter
- chartered accountant
- dentist
- fabric shop
- farmers' market
- jewellery store
- lawyer
- motel/hotel
- residential housing
- shoe repair
- tailor
- theatre
- tourist entertainment facilities

Invermere

- agriculture
- feed lot
- marina and boating facilities
- mortician
- retail complex

CENTRAL KOOTENAY (REGION TWO)

Kaslo

- agriculture
- appliance repair and service centre
- bowling alley
- chartered accountant
- mini bus line
- movie theatre
- pool hall

Nakusp

- agriculture
- apartments
- motel/hotel
- skiing facilities

Nelson

- appliance repair and service centre
- automatic car wash
- bowling alley
- building contractor
- campground
- chartered accountant
- dentist
- dry cleaner
- jewellery store
- marina and boating facilities
- motel/hotel
- restaurant (specialty dining)
- shoe repair
- theatre

Revelstoke

- apartments
- appliance repair and service centre
- building contractors
- dental mechanic
- dentist
- electrical contractor
- motel/hotel
- plumbers
- racquetball club
- residential housing
- social workers
- veterinarian
- wood trusses

OKANAGAN-BOUNDARY REGION (REGION THREE)

Armstrong

- agriculture
- bowling alley
- motel/hotel
- restaurants (specialty dining)
- tourist entertainment facilities

Central Okanagan

- agriculture
- campground
- golf course
- tourist entertainment facilities

Enderby

- agriculture
- banks and trust companies
- feed lot
- lawyer
- motel/hotel
- movie theatre

Fruitvale

- plant and tree nursery

Grand Forks

- agriculture
- banks and trust companies
- chartered accountant
- dentist
- farmers' market
- lawyer
- manufacture using local wood products
- slaughter house

Greenwood

- agriculture
- dentist
- manufacture using local wood products
- residential housing

Kelowna

- agriculture
- campground
- convention and banquet facilities
- distribution agency
- furniture manufacture
- manufacture using local wood products
- marina and boating facilities
- motel/hotel
- woodcraft industry

Keremeos

- agriculture
- bowling alley
- fruit packing
- motel/hotel
- restaurants (specialty dining)

Lumby

- agriculture
- appliance repair and service centre
- auto and truck sales
- building contractor
- feed lot
- furniture manufacture
- lawyer
- motel/hotel
- shake and shingle mills
- specialty stores

Montrose

- plant and tree nursery

Oliver

- agriculture
- chartered accountant
- lawyer
- motel/hotel
- quality men's and ladies' wear

Osoyoos

- agriculture
- automatic car wash
- banks and trust companies
- bookstore and records
- chartered accountant
- convention and banquet facilities
- fabric shop
- lawyer
- motel/hotel
- movie theatre
- opthamologist
- quality men's and ladies' wear
- shoe store
- western saddlery and tack store
- wheel alignment

Peachland

- appliance repair and service centre
- bank and trust companies
- barber and hairdresser
- building contractor
- dentist
- fabric shop
- jewellery store
- retail complex
- skiing facilities
- tourist entertainment facilities
- veterinarian
- warehousing

Penticton

- distribution agency
- recreational vehicle parts

Princeton

- agriculture
- appliance repair and service centre
- campground
- car dealer
- carpet laying service
- drug store
- dry cleaners
- electrician (service)
- furniture manufacture
- lawyer
- particle board production
- plumbers
- prefabricated house components and mobile homes
- residential housing
- restaurants (specialized dining)
- shoe repair
- skiing facilities
- slaughter house
- tailor
- tourist entertaiment facilities
- veterinarian

Sicamous

- agriculture
- berry production
- skiing facilities
- veterinarian
- woodcraft industry

Spallumcheen

- bowling alley
- motel/hotel

Trail

- agriculture
- banks and trust companies
- campground
- dentist
- furniture manufacture
- residential housing
- tourist entertainment facilities

Vernon

- agriculture
- banks and trust companies
- building contractors
- campground
- chartered accountant
- convention and banquet facilities
- distribution agencies
- farmers' market
- furniture manufacture
- motel/hotel
- warehousing
- woodcraft industry

LILLOOET-THOMPSON (REGION FOUR)

Kamloops

- convention and banquet facilities
- dentist
- feed lot
- river tow boats
- slaughter house
- tourist entertainment facilities

Lillooet

- motel/hotel
- residential housing
- retail complex

LOWER MAINLAND (REGION FIVE)

Abbotsford

- agriculture
- campground
- convention and banquet facilities
- dentist
- furniture manufacture
- marina and boating facilities
- mobile home parks
- motel/hotel
- movie theatre
- residential housing

Burnaby

- apartments
- furniture manufacture

Chilliwack

- agriculture
- apartments
- appliance repair and service centre
- convention and banquet facilities
- farmers' market
- motel/hotel
- residential housing
- restaurants (specialty dining)
- shoe repair
- slaughter house

Clearbrook

- agriculture
- marina and boating facilities
- motel/hotel

Cloverdale

- agriculture
- neighbourhood pub
- plastic manufacture
- restaurants (specialty dining)
- tourist entertainment facilities
- wood trusses

Kent

- banks and trust companies
- bowling alley
- campground
- chartered accountant
- dentist
- lawyer
- movie theatre
- restaurants (specialty dining)
- tourist entertainment facilities

Langley

- banks and trust companies
- motel/hotel
- restaurants (specialty dining)
- theatre
- tourist entertainment facilities

Maple Ridge

- agriculture
- apartments
- dentist
- electrician (service)
- lawyer
- marina and boating facilities
- retail complex
- sporting goods sales and rental outlet

New Westminster

- motel/hotel

Port Coquitlam

- agriculture
- apartments
- banks and trust companies
- lawyer
- motel/hotel

West Vancouver

apartments

VANCOUVER ISLAND - COAST REGION (REGION SIX)

Alert Bay

- appliance repair and service centre
- barber and hairdresser
- dry cleaner
- landscape contractor
- restaurant (specialty dining)
- sawmill
- shoe repair
- tailor
- veterinarian

Campbell River

- banks and trust companies
- building contractor
- fast food outlet
- furniture manufacture
- neighbourhood pub
- sawmill
- truck servicing facility
- water transport service

Comox

- agriculture
- bowling alley
- campground
- marina and boating facilities
- movie theatre
- skiing facilities
- tourist entertainment facilities

Courtenay

- appliance repair and service centre
- boat building and repair
- bowling alley
- recreational vehicle parts supply
- shoe repair
- veterinarian

Gold River

- campground
- dentist

Lake Cowichan

- apartments
- furnace service technician
- manufacture using local wood products
- marina and boating facilities
- restaurants (specialty dining)
- shoe repair
- skiing facilities

Nanaimo

- apartments
- chartered accountant
- convention and banquet facilities
- fish processing plant
- marina and boating facilities
- motel/hotel
- movie theatre
- prefabricated house components and mobile homes
- restaurants (specialty dining)
- retail complex
- skiing facilities
- theatre
- variety and white goods

Port Alberni

- banks and trust companies
- boat building and repair
- dentist
- lawyer
- marina and boat facilities
- restaurants (specialty dining)
- warehousing

Port Hardy

- appliance repair and service centre
- bakery
- building contractor
- dry cleaners
- fabric shop
- residential housing
- retail complex
- sawmill

Qualicum Beach

- campground

Sidney

- agriculture
- banks and trust companies
- carpet laying service
- marina and boating facilities
- residential housing
- restaurants (specialty dining)
- shoe repair
- tailor
- warehousing

Tahsis

- banks and trust companies
- building contractor
- chartered accountant
- dentist
- drug store
- fish processing plant
- lawyer
- shake and shingle mill
- veterinarian

Tofino

- apartments
- banks and trust companies
- barber and hairdresser
- building contractors
- chartered accountant
- electrical contractor
- electrician (service)
- landscape contractor
- lawyer
- marina and boating facilities
- plumbers
- retail complex

Victoria

- convention and banquet facilities
- electronics
- fish processing plant

CARIBOO - FORT GEORGE REGION (REGION SEVEN)

Houston

- agriculture
- appliance repair and service centre
- banks and trust companies
- building material supply centre
- building contractors
- campground
- electrical contractor
- golf course
- lawyer
- plywood plant
- pool hall
- prefabricated house components and mobile homes
- residential housing
- skiing facilities
- slaughter house
- truck servicing facility

100 Mile House

agriculture

Prince George

dentist

Valemount

appliance repair and service centre
banks and trust companies
bowling alley
chartered accountant
dentist
dry cleaner
drug store
fabric shop
fast food outlet
furniture manufacture
jewellery store
lawyer
motel/hotel
movie theatre
neighbourhood pub
tourist entertainment facilities
woodcraft industry

PEACE-LIARD REGION (REGION EIGHT)

Chetwynd

agriculture
apartments
bakery
banks and trust companies
bowling alley
campground
carpet laying service
carpenter
catering services to field projects
chartered accountant
dentist
fabric shop
fast food outlet
feed lot
furniture manufacture
motel/hotel
prefabricated house components and mobile homes
residential housing
restaurants (specialty dining)
retail complex
service industries related to coal mining
slaughter house
sporting goods sales and retail outlet
warehousing

Dawson Creek

- catering services to field projects
- feed lot
- distribution centre
- insulation manufacture: cellulose waste
- retail complex
- service industries related to coal mining

Fort Nelson

- agriculture
- apartments
- appliance repair and service centre
- banks and trust companies
- barber and hairdresser
- building contractors
- campground
- catering service to field projects
- concrete by products plant
- dentist
- mobile home park
- motel/hotel
- plywood plant
- prefabricated house components and mobile homes
- residential housing
- retail complex
- tourist entertainment facilities
- truck servicing facility

Fort St. John

- catering services to field projects
- concrete by-products plant
- distribution agency

Hudson's Hope

- agriculture
- banks and trust companies
- dentist
- motel/hotel

SKEENA-STIKINE REGION (REGION NINE)

Kitimat

- motel/hotel
- retail complex
- tourist entertainment facilities

New Hazelton

- agriculture
- banks and trust companies
- bowling alley
- dentist
- dry cleaner
- drug store
- manufacture using local wood products
- motel/hotel
- skiing facilities

Prince Rupert

- agriculture
- boat building and repair
- campground
- fish processing plant
- marina and boating facilities
- motel/hotel
- prefabricated house components and mobile homes
- residential housing
- sawmill
- shake and shingle mill
- truck servicing facility

Terrace

- warehousing

Queen Charlotte Islands

- agriculture
- fish processing plant
- motel/hotel

REGIONAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY TYPE OF BUSINESS

AGRICULTURE: (Dairy and beef cattle breeding, poultry, eggs, small fruits and vegetables)

Abbotsford
Armstrong

Cent. Okanagan
Chetwynd
Chilliwack
Clearbrook
Cloverdale
Comox

Elkford
Enderby

Fort Nelson

Grand Forks
Greenwood

Houston
Hudson's Hope

Invermere

Kaslo
Kelowna
Keremeos

Lumby

Maple Ridge

Nakusp
New Hazelton

Oliver
100 Mile House

Osoyoos

Port Coquitlam
Prince Rupert
Princeton

Queen Charlotte Islands

Sicamous
Sidney

Trail

Vernon

APARTMENTS:

Burnaby
Chetwynd
Chilliwack

Elkford
Fort Nelson

Lake Cowichan
Maple Ridge

Nakusp
Nanaimo
Port Coquitlam

Revelstoke
Tofino

West Vancouver

APPLIANCE REPAIR AND SERVICE CENTRE:

Alert Bay

Chilliwack City
Courtenay

Elkford

Fort Nelson

Houston

Kaslo

Lumby

Nelson

Peachland
Port Hardy
Princeton

Revelstoke

Valemount

AUTOMATIC CAR WASH:

Nelson
Osoyoos

AUTO AND TRUCK SALES:

Lumby

BAKERY:

Chetwynd
Elkford
Port Hardy

BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES:

Campbell River
Chetwynd
Elkford
Enderby
Fort Nelson
Grand Forks
Houston
Hudson's Hope
Kent
Langley
New Hazelton
Osoyoos
Peachland
Port Alberni
Port Coquitlam
Sidney
Tahsis
Tofino
Trail
Valemount
Vernon

BARBER AND HAIRDRESSER:

Alert Bay
Elkford
Fort Nelson
Peachland
Tofino

BERRY PRODUCTION:

Sicamous

BOAT BUILDING AND REPAIR:

Courtenay
Port Alberni
Prince Rupert

BOOK STORE AND RECORDS:

Osoyoos

BOWLING ALLEY:

Armstrong
Chetwynd
Comox
Courtenay
Kaslo
Kent
Keremeos
Nelson
New Hazelton
Spallumcheem
Valemount

BUILDING CONTRACTORS:

Campbell River
Fort Nelson
Houston
Lumby
Nelson
Peachland
Port Hardy
Revelstoke
Tahsis
Tofino
Vernon

BUILDING MATERIALS SUPPLY CENTRE:

Houston

CAMPGROUND:

Abbotsford
Central Okanagan
Chetwynd
Comox
Elkford
Fort Nelson
Gold River
Houston
Kelowna
Kent
Nelson
Prince Rupert
Princeton
Qualicum Beach
Trail
Vernon

CAR DEALER:

Princeton

CARPET LAYING SERVICE:

Chetwynd
Elkford
Princeton
Sidney

CARPENTER:

Elkford
Chetwynd

CATERING SERVICES TO FIELD PROJECTS:

Chetwynd
Dawson Creek
Fort St. John
Fort Nelson

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT:

Chetwynd
Elkford
Grand Forks
Kaslo
Kent
Oliver
Osoyoos
Nanaimo
Nelson
Tahsis
Tofino
Valemount
Vernon

CONCRETE BY-PRODUCTS PLANT:

Fort Nelson
Fort St. John

CONVENTION AND BANQUET FACILITIES:

Abbotsford
Chilliwack
Kamloops
Kelowna
Nanaimo
Osoyoos
Vernon
Victoria

DENTAL MECHANIC

Revelstoke

DENTIST:

Abbotsford
Chetwynd
Elkford
Fort Nelson
Gold River
Grand Forks
Greenwood
Hudson's Hope
Kamloops
Kent
Maple Ridge
Nelson
New Hazelton
Peachland
Port Alberni
Prince George
Revelstoke
Tahsis
Trail
Valemount

DISTRIBUTION AGENCIES:

Dawson	Kelowna	Vernon
Fort St. John	Penticton	

DRUG STORE:

New Hazelton	Tahsis	Valemount
Princeton		

DRY CLEANERS:

Nelson	Princeton	Valemount
New Hazelton	Port Hardy	

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR:

Houston	Revelstoke	Tofino

ELECTRICIAN (SERVICE):

Maple Ridge	Princeton	Tofino

ELECTRONICS:

Victoria

FABRIC SHOP:

Chetwynd	Osoyoos	Port Hardy
Elkford	Peachland	Valemount

FARMERS' MARKET:

Chilliwack	Grand Forks	Vernon
Elkford		

FAST FOOD OUTLET:

Campbell River	Chetwynd	Valemount

FEED LOT:

Chetwynd	Enderby	Kamloops
Dawson Creek	Invermere	Lumby

FISH PROCESSING PLANT:

Nanaimo	Queen Charlotte Islands	Victoria
Prince Rupert	Tahsis	

FRUIT PACKING:

Keremeos

FURNACE SERVICE TECHNICIAN:

Lake Cowichan

FURNITURE MANUFACTURING:

Abbotsford	Kelowna	Trail
Burnaby	Lumby	Valemount
Campbell River	Princeton	Vernon
Chetwynd		

GOLF COURSE:

Central Okanagan Regional Dist.	Houston

INSULATION MANUFACTURING: CELLULOSE WASTE:

Dawson Creek

JEWELLERY STORE:

Elkford	Peachland	Valemount
Nelson		

LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR:

Alert Bay	Tofino

LAWYER:

Elkford
Enderby
Grand Forks
Houston
Kent
Lumby
Maple Ridge
Oliver
Osoyoos
Port Alberni
Port Coquitlam
Princeton
Tahsis
Tofino
Valemount

MANUFACTURE USING LOCAL WOOD PRODUCTS:

Grand Forks
Greenwood
Kelowna
New Hazelton
Lake Cowichan

MARINA AND BOATING FACILITIES:

Abbotsford
Clearbrook
Comox
Invermere
Kelowna
Maple Ridge
Nanaimo
Nelson
Lake Cowichan
Port Alberni
Prince Rupert
Sidney
Tofino

MINI BUS LINE:

Kaslo

MOBILE HOME PARKS:

Abbotsford
Fort Nelson

MORTICIAN:

Invermere

MOTEL/HOTEL:

Abbotsford
Armstrong

Chetwynd
Chilliwack
Clearbrook

Elkford
Enderby

Fort Nelson

Hudson's Hope

Kelowna
Keremeos
Kitimat

Langley
Lillooet
Lumby

Nakusp
Nanaimo
Nelson
New Hazelton
New Westminster

Oliver
Osoyoos

Port Coquitlam
Prince Rupert

Queen Charlotte Islands

Revelstoke

Sicamous
Spallumcheen

Valemount
Vernon

MOVIE THEATRE:

Abbotsford

Comox

Enderby
Kaslo
Kent

Nanaimo

Osoyoos

Valemount

NEIGHBOURHOOD PUB:

Campbell River
Cloverdale
Valemount

OPTHALMOLOGIST:

Osoyoos

PARTICLE BOARD PRODUCTION:

Princeton

PLANT AND TREE NURSERY:

Fruitvale Montrose

PLASTIC MANUFACTURE:

Cloverdale

PLUMBERS:

Princeton Revelstoke Tofino

PLYWOOD PLANT:

Fort Nelson Houston

POOL HALL:

Houston Kaslo

PREFABRICATED HOUSE COMPONENTS AND MOBILE HOMES:

Chetwynd
Fort Nelson
Houston
Nanaimo
Prince Rupert
Princeton

QUALITY MEN'S AND LADIES' WEAR:

Oliver
Osoyoos

RACQUETBALL CLUB:

Revelstoke

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARTS SUPPLY:

Courtenay
Penticton

RESIDENTIAL HOUSING:

Abbotsford
Chetwynd
Chilliwack
Elkford
Fort Nelson
Greenwood
Houston
Lillooet
Port Hardy
Prince Rupert
Princeton
Revelstoke
Sidney
Trail

RESTAURANTS (SPECIALTY DINING):

Alert Bay
Armstrong
Chetwynd
Chilliwack
Cloverdale
Kent
Keremeos
Lake Cowichan
Langley
Nanaimo
Nelson
Port Alberni
Princeton
Sidney

RETAIL COMPLEX:

Chetwynd
Dawson Creek
Fort Nelson
Invermere
Kitimat
Lillooet
Maple Ridge
Nanaimo
Peachland
Port Hardy
Princeton
Tofino

RIVER TOW BOATS:

Kamloops

SAWMILL:

Alert Bay
Campbell River
Port Hardy
Prince Rupert

SERVICE INDUSTRIES RELATED TO COAL MINING:

Chetwynd
Dawson Creek

SHAKE AND SHINGLE MILL:

Lumby
Prince Rupert
Tahsis

SHOE REPAIR:

Alert Bay
Chilliwack
Courtenay
Elkford
Lake Cowichan
Nelson
Princeton
Sidney

SHOE STORE:

Osoyoos

SKIING FACILITIES:

Comox
Houston
Lake Cowichan
Nakusp
New Hazelton
Nanaimo
Peachland
Princeton
Sicamous

SLAUGHTER HOUSE:

Chetwynd
Chilliwack
Grand Forks
Houston
Kamloops
Princeton

SOCIAL WORKERS:

Revelstoke

SPECIALTY STORES:

Lumby

SPORTING GOODS SALES AND RENTAL OUTLET:

Chetwynd

Maple Ridge

TAILOR:

Alert Bay

Elkford

Princeton

Sydney

THEATRE:

Elkford

Langley

Nanaimo

Nelson

TOURIST ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES:

Armstrong

Central Okanagan Regional Dist.

Cloverdale

Comox

Elkford

Fort Nelson

Kamloops

Kent

Kitimat

Langley

Peachland

Princeton

Trail

Valemount

TRUCK SERVICING FACILITY:

Campbell River
Fort Nelson
Houston
Prince Rupert

VARIETY AND WHITE GOODS:

Nanaimo

VETERINARIAN:

Alert Bay
Courtenay
Peachland
Princeton
Revelstoke
Sicamous
Tahsis

WATER TRANSPORT SERVICE:

Campbell River

WAREHOUSING:

Chetwynd
Peachland
Port Alberni
Sidney
Terrace
Vernon

WESTERN SADDLERY AND TACK STORE:

Osoyoos

WHEEL ALIGNMENT:

Osoyoos

WOOD TRUSSES:

Cloverdale Revelstoke

WOODCRAFT INDUSTRY:

Kelowna Valemount Vernon

Sicamous

ECONOMIC PROFILES

EAST KOOTENAY REGION

EAST KOOTENAY REGION
(REGION ONE)

ECONOMIC PROFILE:

The East Kootenay Region lies in the southeast corner of the Province. Although second in terms of size of the nine economic regions, the potential for economic prosperity is substantial. The economy is tied closely to mining and tourism - two industries which are currently receiving attention from both investors and developers alike, with forestry and railway operations contributing to the employment pattern.

The towns of Elkford, Sparwood and Fernie lie vertically on the eastern boundary of the Region and encompass vast reserves of metallurgical and thermal coal known as the Crowsnest Coalfield. As demand by the world's steel producers for metallurgical coal increases and as thermal coal gains prominence in face of global energy shortages, these resources will have the most dramatic impact on the Region's future economic growth. In anticipation of securing new markets, the coal mining industry has committed in excess of $1 billion to the development of new mines or expansion of existing ones. The combined population of these coal mining towns totals approximately 12,500; planned and proposed expansions of the mines would expand the population by as many as 3,500 with the possibility of a new townsite being developed.

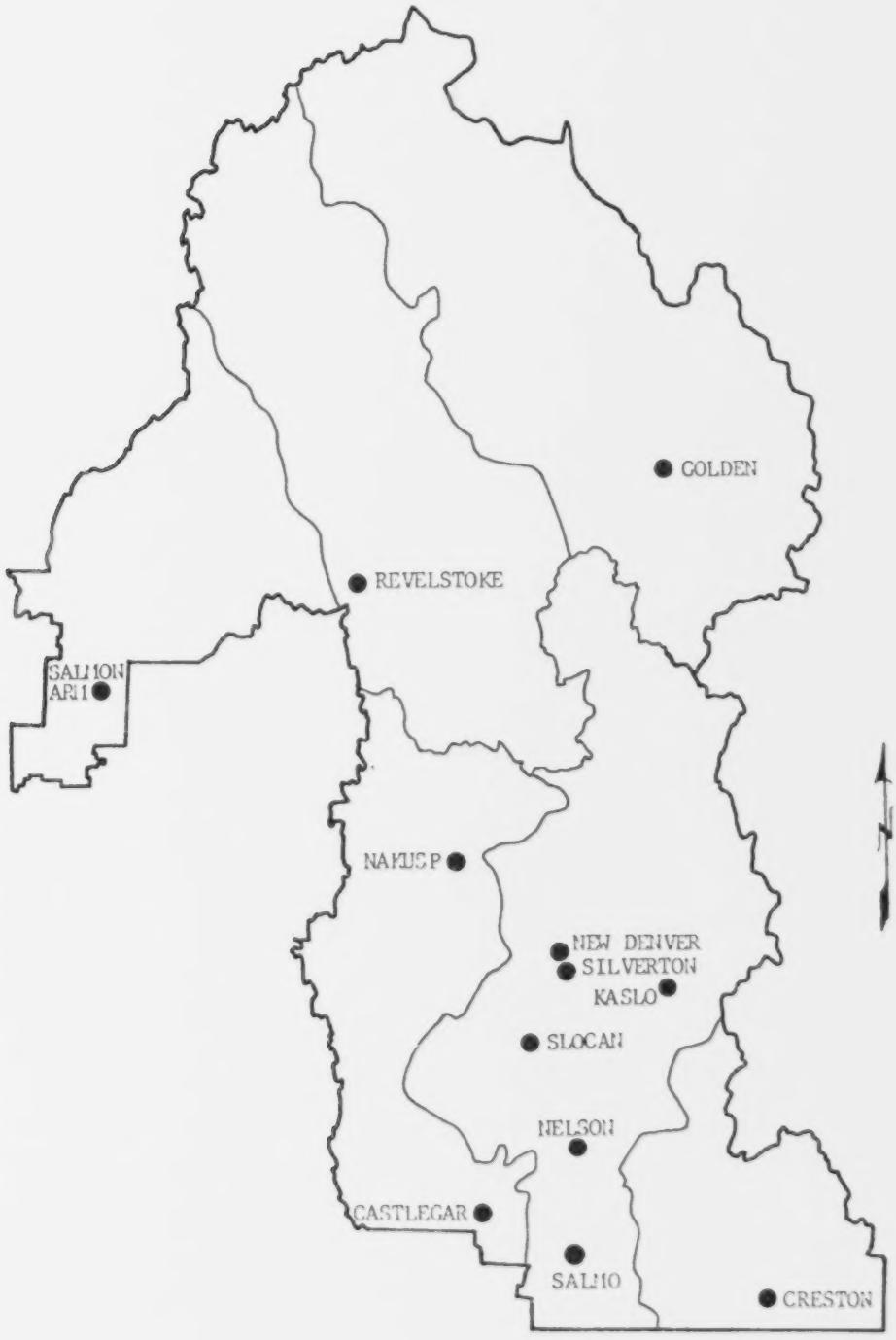
The second largest centre in terms of population is the City of Kimberley with 7,111 people, many of whom earn their livelihood from the operations of the nearby Sullivan lead-zinc mine. Owned and operated by Cominco Ltd., the mine is the world's largest. Current investments there will assure the operation of the mine for another twenty-five years. In addition to mining activities, there has been a major drive by the people of Kimberley to establish a tourist industry. This has resulted in that city becoming "Bavarianized" into a German style village and substantial developments being made to the North Star Ski Resort.

Throughout the Invermere area, forestry is the leading resource industry, but mining, agriculture and tourism also play an important role. The tourist industry has grown rapidly in recent years and in keeping with the Provincial government's promotional thrust of developing resort areas into a four season industry, developers at the Rocky Mountain area of Invermere will spend $140 million over the next ten years to expand the Panorama Ski Resort which will eventually accomodate 10,000 skiers a day.

Cranbrook, already the largest community in the East Kootenay Region, has a steadily increasing population. It is strategically situated at the junction of major highways flowing north-south and east-west, and is the hub of the major trade and service sector founded on the city's two major employers - Crestbrook Forest Industries and the Canadian Pacific Railway. Both these companies have undergone plant expansions, reflecting the increased demand for forest products and increased activities in the transportation of the principal products of coal, lead and zinc as growth in the mining sector continues.

CENTRAL KOOTENAY REGION

CENTRAL KOOTENAY REGION
(REGION TWO)



ECONOMIC PROFILE:

The Central Kootenay Region covers 6 percent of the total land area of the Province. Much of the Region is situated in alpine terrain, and is often referred to as "little Switzerland", while the remainder contains a fertile floor plain which supports agricultural activity.

Economic activity has traditionally centred around the forest products industry, with virtually all of the timber harvested moving south to the CanCel pulp-sawmill complex at Castlegar. While manufacturing in the form of pulp and lumber dominates the economy of Castlegar, it is also the residential area for persons employed at Trail.

In addition to forestry activities, the Central Kootenay Region is becoming synonymous with major hydro-electric dam construction which is underway to help meet increased power demands in the early 1980's. The largest of these projects is being constructed on the Columbia River near Revelstoke by the British Columbia Power and Hydro Authority. This massive project is estimated to cost $1.2 billion and will generate a peak work force of some 3,500 by 1980 tapering off substantially by start-up in 1983. Farther south on the Pend d'Oreille River (near Nelson), the $500 million, Seven Mile hydro-electric power project is nearing completion.

Because of Revelstoke's strategic location on the Trans-Canada Highway, tourist and commercial traffic play an active role in the local economy. Rail transportation services are also a leading source of employment. A CP Rail customer service centre is located in the area. The close proximity of the City of Revelstoke to the construction of the hydro-electric dam means that much of the work force will take up residence here.

Mining in the Central Kootenays has historically been of importance and in view of the increasing demand for many of B. C.'s natural resources, there are plans underway by a major company to develop the Goldstream Creek copper, zinc and silver property near Revelstoke.

Agriculture is a major component of the Salmon Arm and Creston economy. Dairying dominates the farming scene in Salmon Arm, with the Shuswap Okanagan Dairy Industries Cooperative producing over one million pounds of high quality cheddar cheese annually. Fruit growing is also very prominent in the area, while grain production is an important cash crop in the Creston area, as well as some vegetable production.

To the northwest of the region, the Golden area, with a population of approximately 3,500 has grown rapidly on the strength of the forest industry and the completion of the Rogers Pass section of the Trans-Canada Highway. Growth of rail traffic on both segments of the CP Rail line through the area and major rail improvements have impacted substantially on the local economy.

OKANAGAN-BOUNDARY REGION

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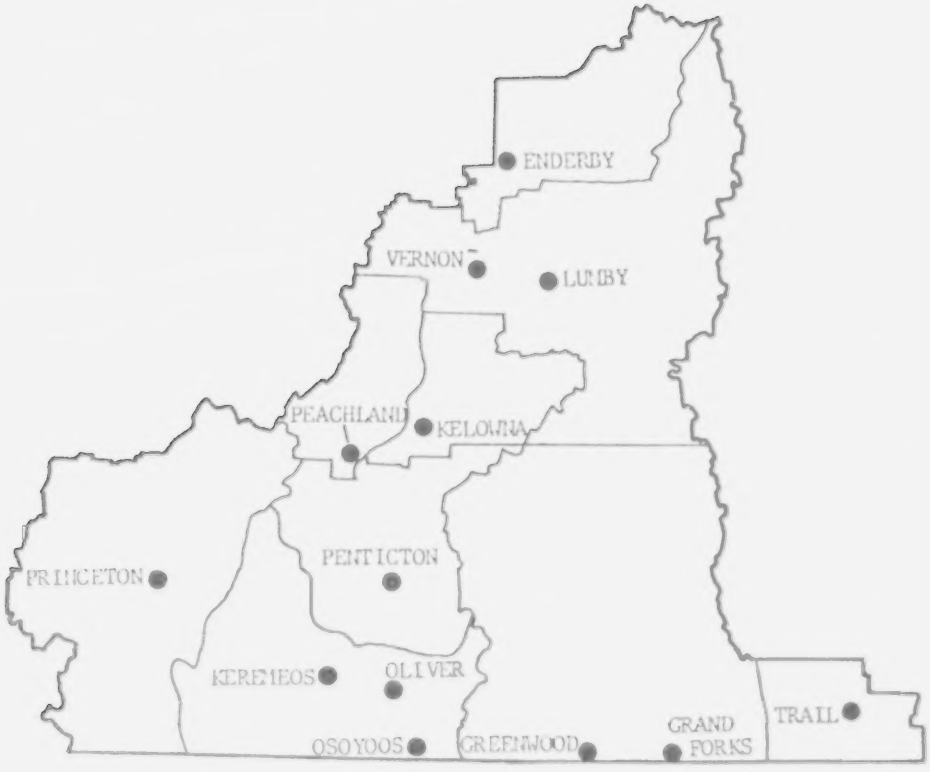
(REGION THREE)



ECONOMIC PROFILE:

The Okanagan-Boundary Region, is known far and wide as one of Canada's premier vacation lands. An excellent climate, scenic beauty and an abundance of recreational amenities have created a quality of life which has attracted a steady growth in population during the past decade as well as vast increases of tourists who enjoy a four season playground.

The economic climate of the Region is extremely positive and encompasses such industries as fruit and vegetable growing and processing, agriculture, forestry, mining and tourism. The economy also includes a growing light manufacturing industry.

The City of Kelowna is situated in the heart of B. C.'s fruit growing country and is the home of B. C. Tree Fruits Limited and Sun-Rype Products Ltd., who are currently in the process of an expansion and modernization program at their facilities to increase food processing capacity for a total capital investment of $5 million. More intensive planting by the fruit growers has been undertaken to supply the expanded processing facilities.

Penticton, the second largest city in terms of population in the Okanagan-Boundary Region, is widely recognized as the mobile and modular home manufacturing capital of British Columbia. As well, the recreational vehicle industry is firmly established. In many areas of the region, a number of small manufacturing plants are locating in newly constructed industrial parks, developed to accomodate the increases in the steady growth of business establishments. The $4 million insulation manufacturing plant, presently under construction in Grand Forks, is evidence of the growing strength in the Region's economy toward secondary industries.

Communities to the north of Kelowna and Penticton have traditionally relied upon forestry, agricultural, and mining activities, but in recent years, greater industrial diversity has been achieved. Vernon, the largest centre in the North-Okanagan, acts as the service centre for manufacturing opportunities, as evidenced by such companies as Crown Zellerbach and Weyerhauser in the wood industry, Norco Dairies and Rogers Wholesome Foods in food processing and Consumer Glass and Hiram Walker in manufacturing. In addition, the provincial government, in tandem with the private sector, are developing a $2 million Forestry Research Centre as part of an Intensive Forest Management Program for the North Okanagan.

The Village of Princeton, because of its position at the Interior end of Hope-Princeton Highway, derives considerable

revenue by supplying services to commercial and tourist travellers. However, the re-opening of the Copper Mountain mine in the area will impact considerably on the economy.

The climate in the southern portion of the region is conducive to soft-fruit growing, and it is that industry which is the most important sector of the Keremeos, Oliver and Osoyoos economies. The tourist industry also thrives throughout this area as improvements to the highway network have increased the steady flow of traffic.

The mining industry has also been of major importance in the southern part of the region, and much of it - apart from the Okanagan Valley - was originally settled because of its mineral wealth. The great smelter complex at Trail remains a large factor in the region's economy and ultimately the British Columbia economy.

Throughout the Okanagan Boundary Region, the rapidly accelerating tourist industry has stimulated new hotel-motel development and expansion to existing establishments. The convention trade is fast becoming a lucrative business and has resulted in hotels being constructed with the need for these facilities in mind. For the horse-racing enthusiast, a $3.7 million race track (Sportsman Turf Park), suitable for both harness and thoroughbred racing, on the westside of Okanagan Lake, is under construction and more than $6 million is being poured into the Big White Ski Village in Kelowna for the expansion of lodge and dining facilities. As well, the increased population has created a shopping mecca as numerous retail and commercial businesses come on stream.

LILLOOET-THOMPSON REGION

LILLOOET-THOMPSON REGION
(REGION FOUR)

ECONOMIC PROFILE:

An exciting future lies ahead for the Lillooet-Thompson Region. This optimism is as a result of the Province's major industries being well represented in this region - mining, forest products, agriculture and tourism.

Kamloops is by far the largest community in the region with a population of 61,400. Because of its strategic location as the centre of a large region, Kamloops has enjoyed growing prominence as a trade and service, administrative and general manufacturing centre. For years, the City of Kamloops has been a crossroads for the Trans-Canada and Yellowhead Highways. The two transcontinental railways, CNR and the CPR meet in Kamloops after a journey from Eastern Canada, making that city a primary service stop.

Development of the copper rich area of Highland Valley by major mining companies could increase the labour force by as many as 4,000, placing a strain on the service capacity of the municipalities of Kamloops, Merritt, Ashcroft and Logan Lake, to the extent that plans are underway for a new transit system. Also, major commercial centres, offices, industrial parks, and residential housing are being built. The new Coquihalla Highway between Hope and Merritt will cut at least an hour's travelling time to and from the coast.

The forest industries represent the largest single resource sector in the Lillooet area, with agriculture and rail services playing a supporting role.

Agriculture forms part of the economic base in region four, in particular, cattle ranching provides most of the farm income. The industry, in its present form, is a cow-calf operation, with livestock being transported to Alberta as feeder cattle for fattening. A total of 60,000 head of cattle annually pass through the sales facility in Kamloops and a livestock population of approximately 150,000 head is being raised throughout the region.

Tourism is big business in this region, spurred by the development of the municipality of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountain into an all-season recreational resort area. This development will take place in two phases over the next four years at a total cost which could exceed $100 million. The core of the development is the construction of a new townsite, with nearby Blackcomb Mountain becoming a new skiing mountain with runs terminating in the town centre. By early 1980, the first stage of the development will be ready - shops, restaurants, and a 75 room lodge will be open for business. Also a 300 room condominium hotel is being built. An 18-hole golf course, starting in the centre of town, is one of the major investments in recreation facilities to make Whistler a four season resort. Also, sailing and swimming in nearby lakes attracts many people to the area in the hot summer months.

LOWER MAINLAND

LOWER MAINLAND REGION
(REGION FIVE)

ECONOMIC PROFILE:

The Lower Mainland Region is geographically the smallest of the nine economic regions but is by far the most populous. Metro Vancouver sprawls over miles, engulfing municipalities and townships, all known as Greater Vancouver. The city is regarded as the industrial, commercial, and financial heart of British Columbia; trade and transportation being its basic function. Connected with Canada and the world by major airlines, four railroads, a system of highways and sea lanes, Vancouver excels in manufacturing, fishing, shipbuilding, metal fabrication, printing and publishing.

Tourism, B. C.'s third major industry, flourishes throughout the Lower Mainland. This is evidenced by the number of new hotels-motels being developed, the expansion of existing establishments, and the establishment of numerous restaurants, nightclubs, boutiques, a peoples' market, and an abundance of other recreational and tourist facilities. The movie-making industry has added glamour to the province as Vancouver and the Lower Mainland have become a popular setting for major films.

The construction industry is buoyant throughout Vancouver. This activity can be seen in the number of new office buildings under construction. The proposed Trade and Convention Centre, to be located on Burrard Inlet, will add further impetus to the industry. It is estimated that 600 to 1,000 jobs a year for five years would be created during the construction of the Centre. Also, a multi-million dollar development to include a 60,000 seat covered amphitheatre and industrial and provincial pavilions will encompass redevelopment of the North Shore of False Creek. The project, to be named British Columbia Place, will be bound tightly to Vancouver's plan to host Transpo '86 - a world class transportation exposition.

Deep-sea international shipping lanes reach out from British Columbia to the major ports of the world. Coastal shipping, including specialized freight and passenger steamers and log towing vessels, comprises an important segment of the transportation picture. Vancouver, the Province's principal port, handled 44,982,000 tonnes of international and domestic shipments in 1979. This represented an increase of 82.6 percent during the last ten years from the 1970 total of 24,638,000 tonnes. Vancouver is the largest dry cargo port on the entire Pacific Coast of North America.

As demand for Western Canadian exports grow, port facilities will be expanded to handle increased cargoes. The National Harbours Board has proposed a $177 million full-scale expansion of the Roberts Bank Port in Delta to handle coal and other bulk commodities.

On the Fraser estuary, southeast of Vancouver, lies the City of New Westminster. This city was founded in 1859 and was the

capital of colonial British Columbia from 1859 to 1860 and became the province's first incorporated city in 1860. New Westminster is also a busy port and the site of a number of forest products manufacturing plants. A major redevelopment plan is now being formulated to revitalize the city's core. The First Capital City Development Co. Ltd. is preparing to invest $140 million; as part of the redevelopment there will be a 200,000 square foot office building, a 150 room hotel, retail outlets and town houses.

Other major municipalities surrounding Vancouver include: Burnaby, Richmond, Delta, Surrey and Coquitlam, all of which came into being as "bedroom communities". This is not the case today as major manufacturing, commercial and industrial centres with important trucking, warehousing and distribution facilities have relocated in these suburban areas, providing employment for many of the residents.

In the Fraser Valley area, dairying is the leading agriculture enterprise. Poultry and eggs, together constitute the next most important source of income, with food processing playing an important role. Lumber mills on the Fraser River provide the bulk of the forest industry's employment but logging is extensive in the northern part of the area. Major improvements to the highways network has greatly stimulated diversification to include some manufacturing. Included in this category is a new $30 million insulation plant currently under construction. Also, the rapidly increasing population has given rise to a number of commercial and retail enterprises becoming established.

VANCOUVER ISLAND-COAST REGION

VANCOUVER ISLAND-COAST REGION
(REGION SIX)

ECONOMIC PROFILE:

The Vancouver Island-Coast Region comprises Vancouver Island and numerous smaller islands and lies off the coast of British Columbia. This region ranks fifth in size of the nine economic regions in the Province and encompasses the regional districts of Capital, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox-Strathcona, and Mount Waddington. Victoria, the largest city, has the distinction of being the Provincial capital.

Forest products, the region's most important natural resource, is the mainstay of the economy, with great strides being made in the tourist, mining, fishing, manufacturing, and construction industries.

Coal mining is fast gaining in importance in light of global energy shortages, as a result, coal exploration on Vancouver Island has increased dramatically in the past year with thousands of square kilometers covered by recent licence applications - main deposits are located near Nanaimo and Campbell River.

The tourist industry is vibrant throughout Vancouver Island. The natural beauty of the island and its extremely favourable climatic conditions makes it an ideal place for the vacationer. Major attractions are: Long Beach, an outstanding beach some ten miles long between the communities of Ucluelet and Tofino - it is the major attraction in the newly created Pacific Rim National Park and the establishment of the Mount Washington Ski development in the Courtenay area. This project will become an integrated ski village with condominium and home sites, restaurants, hotels and lodges. Cost of the project is estimated to be in the order of $15 million. The proposed trade and convention centre, to be located in Victoria, is expected to generate even more tourist revenue for that city. The extension of the Island Highway from Victoria to Port Hardy, provides a transportation infrastructure that will open up the accessibility of the northern end of the Island.

Commercial fishing is an important facet of the region's economy; the federal government's Salmonid Enhancement Program and the establishment of the 200 mile limit will provide future potential for the industry. The Nanaimo Harbour Commission is planning to embark on a two-phase $2 million expansion to its commercial fishing marina that would double the moorage capacity and provide locker space for commercial fishermen. Fish processing has also become a viable industry.

Besides fishing, another marine activity which is actively being developed is the oil rig re-fitting business. Presently, the ocean drilling rig, the Ocean Ranger, has been anchored in the Port Alberni harbour undergoing a complete re-fit. The entire re-fitting job is estimated to cost $4 million. The possibility of oil exploration continuing along the west coast, would enhance the opportunities for this kind of operation using local industry and expertise.

Also, the Institute of Ocean Sciences, located at Patricia Bay, is expanding to include private firms involved in marine-oriented research and development or the manufacture of marine related equipment. When completed, the entire project would cover 175,000 square feet with up to 350 people being employed, of which approximately 50 percent of all jobs would be new.

British Columbia holds a strategic position as Canada's gateway to developing Pacific Rim markets. Reflecting this position is the significantly increasing volume of tonnage handled through the major ports. Four of the nine major British Columbia seaports are located along the Vancouver Island coast - Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Campbell River, and Victoria.

The construction of Duke Point, a major industrial deep-sea port adjacent to the Inner Harbour in Nanaimo, is underway. Upon completion, this project will consist of a three-berth deep sea forest products terminal with 120-acres of back-up area, capable of handling a through-put of 3 million tons of forest products and general cargo. Adjoining industrial land is available for a 20-acre petroleum products tank farm, and a 120-acre industrial park for heavy and light industry. When all the land has been developed, there will be some 2,500 new jobs created.

Confidence and the potential seen for this region can be measured in the growing number of retail complexes, hotel/motel and dining facilities, either proposed, under construction or recently completed.

CARIBOO-FORT GEORGE REGION

CARIBOO-FORT GEORGE REGION
(REGION SEVEN)

ECONOMIC PROFILE:

The Cariboo-Fort George Region, famous for its activities during the gold rush days, lies in the central interior of the Province and covers a land area of 47,559,040 acres. Major centres include: Prince George, Quesnel, Williams Lakes, Smithers and Mackenzie. On a regional basis, the economy is well diversified, being based on extensive forest, mineral and agricultural resources.

Lumber production is the region's number one industry and provides employment for approximately 4,000 people at the thirty mills established in the Central Interior Region. Combined lumber shipments during 1979 totalled 1,487 MM FBM of which 68 percent was destined for the United States. Reflecting the forest industry's move towards diversification, its reaction to market conditions and the need for greater utilization of existing forest resources, is the substantial amount of capital investment injected into the forest products industry during 1979.

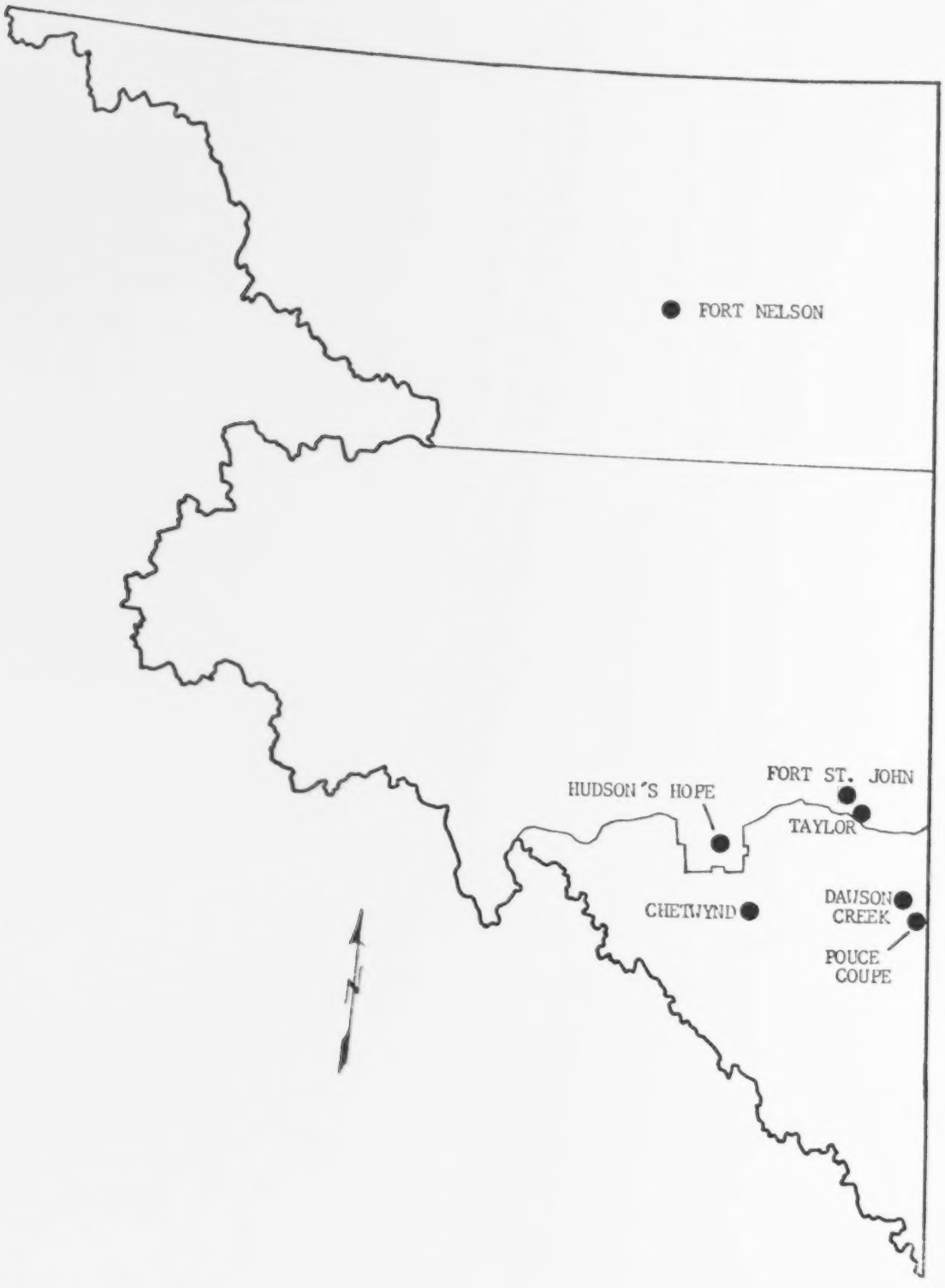
Mining and ranching are other factors in the Cariboo-Fort George economy. The increasing demand for British Columbia's mineral resources, particularly for copper, molybdenum, coal and gold, has spurred development of new or existing mines. Activity in gold exploration, resulting from the recent increases in gold prices, is taking place in Wells and around the Smithers area. As well, silver production, because it is closely tied with lead and zinc production, continues to be strong and Equity Silver Mines Ltd. has begun developing its Sam Goosley silver mine near Houston at a cost of $85 million. It should be in full production by 1980, at which time it will provide 200 jobs.

Prince George is the principle transportation, trade, and service centre for Northern British Columbia. This is reflected in the numbers of warehouses, commercial/retail buildings, hotels and motels being built. Although founded on a forest related economy, the possibility of developing the Bowron River coal field, which has proven reserves of six million metric tons (estimated total reserves are 350 million metric tons) will further enhance the local economy.

Further south, the communities of Quesnel, Williams Lake, and 100 Mile House are also experiencing economic growth and are actively promoting new industrial and commercial development. Williams Lake is the traditional area for much of the ranching activity of the Cariboo region. A total of 45,000 cattle passed through the B. C. Stock Producers Co-operative Williams Lake Stockyards during 1978. In terms of dollars, this amounts to $19.1 million. The famous Williams Lake Stampede is an annual event and the town's major tourist attraction. The abundance of lakes and recreational areas in the Cariboo-Fort George Region enhances the potential for a strong tourist related industry.

PEACE RIVER LIARD REGION

PEACE RIVER-LIARD REGION
(REGION EIGHT)



ECONOMIC PROFILE:

The Peace-Liard Region, situated in the northeast section of the Province, is rich in natural resources. Spurred by oil and gas exploration, the construction of hundreds of miles of new gas pipeline and the proposed construction of the Alaskan gas pipeline, together with increased activity in coal field development, this region has been undergoing unprecedented growth in the past few years.

Fort St. John is the fastest growing city in this region. Much of the rapid growth and expansion of the city can be attributed to the Oil Patch operations. There are some thirty oilfields in northeastern British Columbia producing 40,000 bb/day, and sixty-three gas fields producing one billion cubic feet/day. Construction of the necessary infrastructure supporting this growth, has contributed to the healthy growth of all sectors of the economy. Total building permits issued in 1979 for Fort St. John and surrounding areas totalled $54,451,000. The proposed building of the "Site C" dam on the Peace River by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, would create an influx of workers and impact considerably on the local economy.

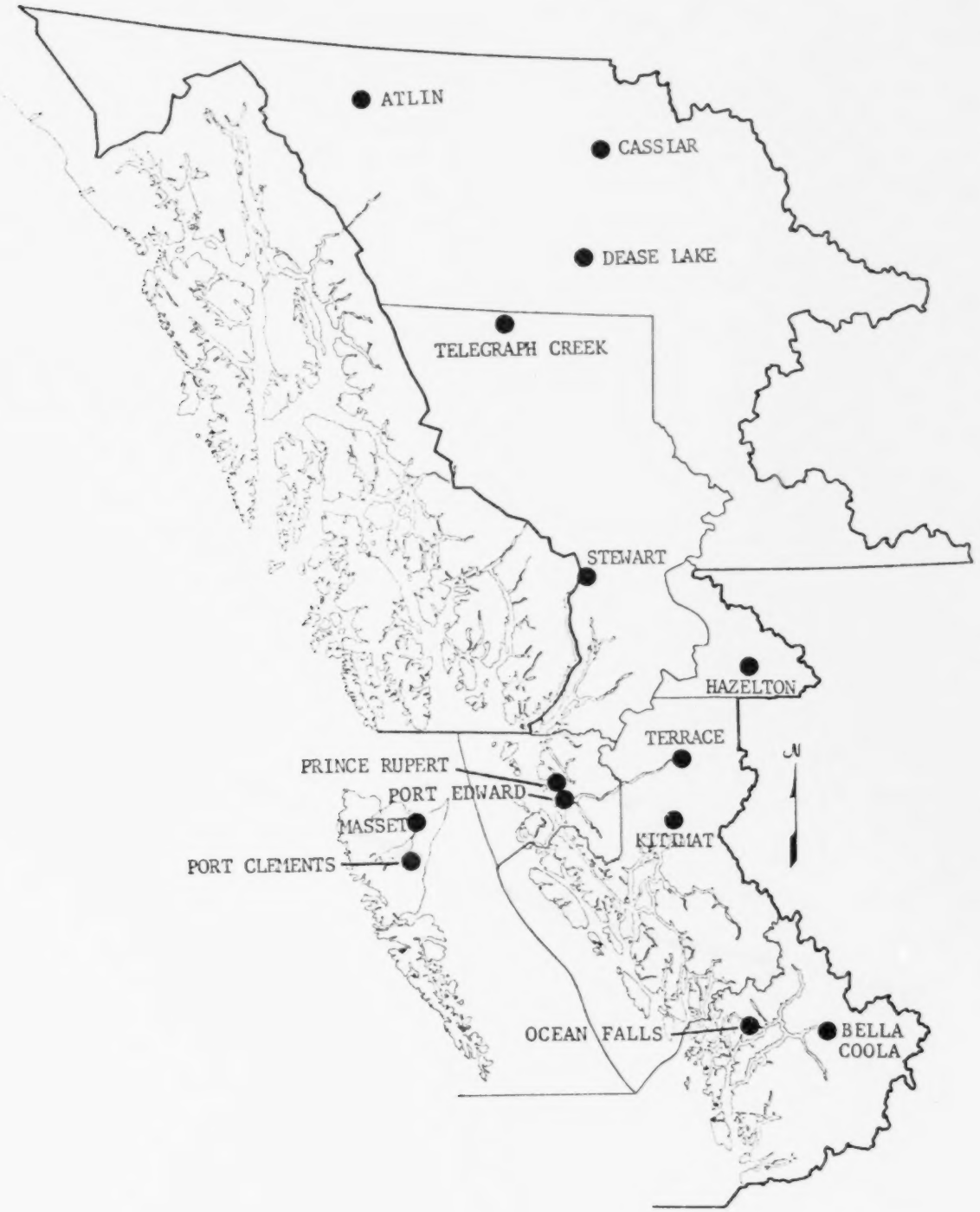
Dawson Creek, the largest center in the Peace-Liard Region, fulfills the role of chief cultural, educational and distribution hub for the northeast region of British Columbia. The city serves as the administrative base for many of the gas-oil exploration and well servicing companies operating in the Sukunka-Grizzley field.

Traditionally, the economic base of the smaller center of Chetwynd has been in the wood processing, manufacturing, and logging industry and in the tourist trade and services. However, substantial deposits of metallurgical coal have been located in and around the Chetwynd area which will contribute significantly to that area's resource wealth. In anticipation of increased demand for coking coal, a number of major mining companies have spent in excess of $4.0 million on drilling and feasibility studies for the development of mines. Production of these mines will provide stimulus to the economy of Chetwynd as it is expected that the town will emerge as the administrative center for the developing coal mining industry. Approximately 10,000 new jobs will be created as these mines are developed.

The modern community of Fort Nelson is a rapidly developing progressive centre. The industrial-resource base of the town is built around the processing of wood by-products, ranging from sawmills and kiln dried lumber through to veneers and plywoods produced by three major industries which are progressing through continual stages of expansion. Fort Nelson is mile "300" on the famous Alaska Highway and as a result, the hotel-motel tourist industry, fishing, and hunting outfitters are major contributors to the economic base of this northeastern portion of the Province.

SKEENA-STIKINE REGION

SKEENA-STIKINE REGION
(REGION NINE)



ECONOMIC PROFILE:

The Skeena-Stikine Region accounts for 28 percent of the land area of the Province and is by far the largest of the nine economic regions.

While economic activity in the Prince Rupert area is geared to its traditional industries: forest products, fishing and fish processing, the port at Prince Rupert is being developed as a major contribution to Canada's transportation system for the movement of goods in and out of the western provinces. As part of this development, a grain consortium is planning to spend $25 million upgrading their storage capacity. Also, the possibility of offshore coal contracts being confirmed and the subsequent development of the north eastern coal fields, will lend additional support for the construction of a new bulk terminal for coal. It is anticipated that once port activity begins to increase, improved service and facilities will produce a multiplying effect as more traffic flows through the Prince Rupert port as an alternative to Lower Mainland ports.

The local economy of Prince Rupert is dominated by commercial fishing and fish processing. The federal government's Salmonid Enhancement Program coupled with the implementation of a two hundred mile offshore fishing limit should do much to ensure continued growth of the British Columbia fishing industry and in particular, the expansion facilities in Prince Rupert. The Skeena-Queen Charlotte Industrial Development Commission has initiated a $105,000 study to investigate the economic feasibility of harvesting and processing kelp on the North Coast. The Alaska and British Columbia ferry services both terminate at Prince Rupert.

The two municipalities of Kitimat and Terrace are quite closely linked together in terms of trade and services, however, their local economies are quite diverse. In Kitimat, the Alcan Smelters and Chemicals Co. Ltd. is the largest employer. In order to meet the demand for their products, Alcan has announced a $60 million capital improvement program over the next five years, as well as major expansion of their hydro-electric power plant at Kemano which supplies energy for the plant. The Eurocan pulp and paper complex plays a more recent and secondary role in the Kitimat area.

Forest industries dominate the economy of Terrace, however, the municipality is emerging as a warehouse and distribution centre for the British Columbia northwest. Forestry is also the mainstay of the economies of Ocean Falls, Queen Charlotte Islands and Hazelton. Mining is the chief activity surrounding the Kitsault, Stewart and Cassiar areas. Reflecting the current surge in demand for the indigenous minerals of molybdenum, copper and placer gold, major companies are investing huge amounts of capital for the development and extraction of these resources. At the present time, the Cassiar asbestos mine employs a large part of the area's labour force, but as other mines come on stream, close to 1,000 jobs will be available.